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## **Claims**

1. Flour based food product comprising a thermostable α-amylase and in-situ modified starch.

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2. Flour based food product according to claim 1 wherein the flour based food product is a wafer, a biscuit or a cracker.

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3. Flour based food product according to claim 2 wherein the wafer is a flat wafer, a sugar wafer, or a three dimension shaped wafer.

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4. Flour based food product according to one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the α-amylase is present in an amount of 3 to 2500 units per gram of the final dough or batter, preferably 10 to 1000 units per gram of batter

5. Wafer according to one of claims 1 to 4 also comprising proteinases and/or xylanases.

6. Flour based food product according to one of claims 1 to 5 comprising gassing agents and/or gas generating microorganisms.

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7. Flour based food product according to one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the molecular weight of starch has been reduced or soluble dextrins have been produced.

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8. Flour based food product according to one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the α-amylase is of bacterial, fungal or plants origin.

9. Process for making flour based food product comprising the steps of making a batter or a dough by mixing at least flour, water and a thermostable α-amylase and baking it on at least one hot surface.

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10. Process according to claim 9, wherein the alpha-amylase does not pre-treat the batter or the dough.

35 11. Process according to claim 9 or claim 10, wherein the flour based food product is a wafer.

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12. Process according to one of claims 9 to 11 wherein the flour based food product batter or dough further comprises at least one protease and/or at least one xylanase.

13. Process according to one of one of claims 9 to 12 wherein the batter or dough comprises gassing agents and/or gas generating microorganisms.

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- 14. Use of thermostable  $\alpha$ -amylase to manipulate textural attributes of flour based food products from the group consisting of wafers, biscuits and crackers, wherein the alpha-amylase does not pre-treat the flour-based food product.
- 15. Use of a thermostable  $\alpha$ -amylase according to claim 14 together with at least a gassing agent.
  - 16. Method for modifying starch in a wafer without increasing batter viscosity.
- 17. Method according to claim 16 wherein the batter is not sticking to the baking plates.
- 18. Method according to claim 16 or claim 17 wherein the batter is treated with thermostable  $\alpha$ -amylase.